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FM AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3496  
INFO AMCONSUL DURBAN  
AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA  
AMEMBASSY GABERONE  
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AMEMBASSY MASERU  
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E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: PINT, SF

SUBJ: NEW CHIEF MINISTER FOR CISKEI

REF: ( A) CONGEN CAPE TOWN A-19, ( B) CAPE TOWN 199

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. IN TIGHTLY CONTESTED ELECTION ON MAY 21 IN CISKEI'S NEW LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, LENNOX L. SEBE, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, NOSED OUT CHIEF JUSTICE MABANDLA BY 26 VOTES TO 24 AND REPLACED LATTER AS CHIEF MINISTER OF THE TERRITORY. SEBE ( A RECENT LEADER GRANTEE) IMMEDIATELY NAMED FIVE NEW CABINET MINISTERS. DETAILS TO FOLLOW BY AIRGRAM.

2. AS PREDICTED REF ( A), RESULT WAS TOSS- UP RIGHT DOWN TO ELECTION DAY. FOR EXAMPLE, CAPE TIMES OF MAY 15 PREDICTED CUT AND DRIED WIN FOR SEBE " UNLESS SOME LAST MINUTE EVENTS CHANGE VOTING BALANCE". SEVERAL DAYS LATER WE LEARNED FROM AFRICAN  
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JOURNALIST WHO WROTE ABOVE STORY THAT HE BELIEVED MABANDLA  
WOULD WIN BECAUSE OF PRESSURE PUT ON CHIEFS SUPPORTING SEBE  
TO VOTE FOR MABANDLA WHO UNLIKE SEBE IS A MEMBER OF  
THE ROYAL FAMILY. END UNCLASSIFIED.

3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. COMMENT: SEBE IS SECOND  
HOMELAND LEADER TO OUST INCUMBENT CHIEF MINISTER ( JOHANNESBURG  
377). WE BELIEVE IT LIKELY THAT HE WILL SOON ADOPT MORE  
INDEPENDENT AND DEMANDING LINE THAN HIS PREDECESSOR  
TOWARD SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT. INTERNALLY IT IS  
ANTICIPATED SOME CHIEFS AND INDEPENDENTS WILL CROSS OVER TO  
SUPPORT HIM IN LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY. IN THIS EVENT SEBE' S  
POSITION WOULD PROBABLY BE SECURE EVEN IF SUPREME COURT ( REF A)  
RULES AGANST HIS SUPPORTERS IN THOSE SEATS CONTESTED BY  
MABANDLA' S CANDIDATES.  
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